



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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## **STATE ROUTE 38 REOPENS IN TIME FOR LABOR DAY TRAVEL PREVIOUSLY CLOSED DUE TO EMERALD FIRE**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY** – Department of Transportation, Caltrans announces the reopening of State Route 38 to all motorists Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 11:30 am. Caltrans has worked cooperatively to assist the U.S. Forest service in their efforts to fight the Emerald fire. Safe passage is now available to the communities of Forest Falls, Angeles Oaks, and Big Bear to both residents and tourists.

Mandatory evacuations have been lifted for residents of Mountain Home and Loch Leven Conference Center. The U.S. Forest Service is continuing to fight the fire north of State Route 38 and anticipates full containment by 6:00 pm on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information on the fire visit the US Forest Services incident information web site at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

State Route 330 is under construction. Access to State Route 330 will now be only available via reversible traffic control (escorts) between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm through Labor Day, Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Starting September 5<sup>th</sup> State Route 330 will be available with escorts seven days a week from 5:30 am through 8:30 am and again from 5:30 pm through 8:30 pm. This escort schedule will be in effect until late September 2006. Vehicles five tons and over will not be permitted on State Route 330.

Caltrans would like to thank the public and mountain residents for their patience during this emergency closure. For updates on Riverside and San Bernardino county state highway work, please go to our website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) and click on "Press Releases" or call (866) 383-4631 for information.

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